MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know from the member whether it is a minor or a major item of work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is a major work.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether, in view of the growing commercial importance of the place, Government feel the necessity of constructing the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): From what I can see, at least Rs 5 or 6 lakhs is necessary for the construction of the bridge.

Road to Veliyathunad Kara.

192. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation from the people of the Veliyathunad and Aduvathuruthi *karas* in the Airoor *pakuthi* to open a road to Veliyathunad *kara* proper from the Alwaye-Parur road;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether there is any village road passing through these places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Sub-Division Officer, Alwaye, has been asked to report on this.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether that report has been submitted to Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I could not hear the question.

PRESIDENT: "Whether the report has been received." Is it the question?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Yes, Sir.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have not received the report as yet.

Mahomedan Holidays.

193. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the special Mahomedan holiday and the public holiday in connection with the last Ramzan were given to all public offices and educational institutions of the State;

(*b*) whether His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women in Trivandrum and the St. Mary's English High School at Alwaye, were working on the 5th of Makaram 1109; and

(*c*) if these institutions were working on that day, why they did not give the holiday sanctioned by the Government on that day in connection with the Ramzan?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes, with a few exceptions.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mainly because there were no Mahomedan pupils or teachers in those institutions.

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